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MENTARY GROUP TO CHAIRMAN OF DANISH INTERPARLIAMENTARY
GROUP

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- WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 26 OF REFTTEL, THERE FOLLOWS
THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER, DATED
DECEMBER 16, 1977, ON THE RB/ER WEAPON FROM THE SOVIET
INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DANISH
INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP:

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THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION OVER THE
LAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY IMPORTANT
POSITIVE STEPS FORWARD. THIS PROGRESS CAN MOST CLEARLY
BE SEEN ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT. A LITTLE OVER TWO
YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE TOOK PLACE, AND
TODAY ONE CAN NOTE A DEEPENING AND AN EXPANSION OF THE

CONSTRUCTIVE CONTACTS AMONG THE EUROPEAN STATES IN ALL
FIELDS AND ON ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING THE PARLIAMENTARY
LEVEL.

NONETHELESS, AND IN SPITE OF THESE POSITIVE CHANGES
IN THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE, CERTAIN CIRCLES
IN THE WEST TRY AGAIN TO STOP THE LESSENING OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TENSION AND TO EVOKE A WAVE OF "ANTI-
DETENTE". THE PLANS OF THE USA TO START PRODUCTION OF
THE NEUTRON WEAPON AND TO STATION SUCH WEAPONS ON THE
TERRITORY OF A NUMBER OF EUROPEAN STATES WILL CREATE
A NEW AND HIGHLY DANGEROUS SITUATION IN EUROPE AND
IN ALL THE WORLD.

INSTEAD OF COMPLEMENTING POLITICAL DETENTE BY MILITARY
DETENTE, INSTEAD OF SETTING A CEILING ON THE PARTICULARLY
DANGEROUS TRENDS OF THE ARMS RACE, SUCH AS THE DEVELOPMENT
AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW VARIANTS AND TYPES OF WEAPONS
OF MASS DESTRUCTION, THE ACTS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINIS-
TRATION CAN TURN OUT TO BE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ROUND
OF THE ARMS RACE. THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON BOMB
AND ITS STATIONING ON THE TERRITORIES OF EUROPEAN STATES
WILL LEAD TO A DESTABLIZATION OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION,
WITH ALL THE ENSUING CONSEQUENCES.

BEARING IN MIND THE RESOLUTION OF THE 64TH CONFERENCE
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OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARLIAMENTARIAN UNION - "THE ROLE
OF PARLIAMENTS IN A FURTHER REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL
TENSION AND THE ATTAINMENT OF PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT,
INCLUDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND NEW FORMS OF WEAPONS OF
MASS DESTRUCTION" - THE SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
EARNESTLY CALLS ON THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS AND ALL
PARLIAMENTARIANS IN THE WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, USA AND
CANADA TO USE THEIR HIGH AUTHORITY AND INFLUENCE TO WARD
OFF THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE PRODUCTION OF A NEW TYPE OF
WEAPON MASS DESTRUCTION - THE NEUTRON BOMB AND ITS
STATIONING ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT.

TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE, NOT TO ALLOW A RETURN TO
THE "COLD WAR", TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR
CONFLICT, PARLIAMENTARIANS MUST TODAY, IN FULL ACCORD-
ANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED RESOLU-
TION, PRONOUNCE A WEIGHTY WORD. END TEXT.
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